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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

My letter of May 23 which you construe as "deceptively friendly" was indeed meant to be friendly. I sent it along with my check for your book just because I suspected you were receiving a rough time from other sources.

I was not red-baiting you. How did you deduce this from my letter to Mr. Dellinger? My reference to Karl Marx was in praise of him and in no way meant to tar you.

Nowhere have I accused you of plagiarism. I would see fit to credit a person for an idea which I may have had before him if he enjoyed priority of publication. This I would do, if for no better motive than to indicate I was familiar with the literature in the field. I suggested no more in advising: "I would urge him to explore the existing literature with the purpose in mind of providing credits to the other researchers who preceded him in the field."

You accuse me of being a "lawyer," "slanderer,"" immoral," "deceptive," "blackmailer," and "foul." Sir, Messrs. Arnoni and Dellinger and Miss Meagher, all of whom know me some, will certainly attest to the fact that I am not much of a lawyer. Let us leave the lesser insults for consideration on Sunday, June 5, 1966. If you and your wife are able to come to our home with your correspondence you will meet with Mr. Dellinger and perhaps Mr. Arnoni and Miss Meagher and discuss my shortcomings further.

Should you be unable or unwilling to do so, then, continue working on the subject. You have indeed worked far harder and more effectively than I. Your work is of high quality and should be encouraged.

Very sincerely,

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CC: Meagher and Arnoni